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SUBJECT: RACE RELATIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

FOR DCM FROM PETTERSON (S/P)

1. AM POUCHING PAPER RECENTLY PREPARED BY S/P ON APARTHEID. PAPER EXAMINES GENESIS AND CURRENT DIMENSIONS OF APARTHEID. IT TRACES USG'S POSITION ON APARTHEID OVER PAST 25 YEARS, DESCRIBES UN'S CONSIDERATION OF APARTHEID AS AN INTERNATIONAL ISSUE, DISCUSSES PROSPECTS FOR CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA, AND REFLECTS ON WHAT EFFECT THIS SHOULD HAVE ON US POLICY.

2. DISCUSSION IN PAPER ON PROSPECTS FOR CHANGE PROMPTED SECRETARY TO ASK, "WHAT CHANGES ARE IN FACT POSSIBLE?" I AM NOW PREPARING PAPER FOR HIM ON THIS TOPIC AND HAVE BEEN ASKED TO GET IT TO HIM BY END OF NEXT WEEK. I WILL, OF COURSE, DRAW ON EMBASSY'S REPORTING AND WILL CONFER WITH AF/S. BUT, IN ADDITION, I WOULD FIND IT MOST USEFUL TO

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HAVE EMBASSY'S CURRENT THINKING ON SUBJECT.

3. WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD RESPOND SOONEST BY
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